

TOP SECRET

25X1A

Approved For Release 2002/10/16 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000500120063-5

20 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)
VIA: Assistant Director (Special Activities) *Jce*
SUBJECT: Schedule of the Remaining ARGON
Packages for 1963--Mission 9059A

1. The next ARGON mission, 9059A, is scheduled for 25 October. The Board in considering the scheduling of ARGON missions in the recent past has made it perfectly clear that they would consider the results of the last mission, 9058A, to see whether it was sufficiently successful to warrant another shot, namely the use of 9059A.

2. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance on 19 September received a briefing from Army on the results of 9058A, discussed the question of the need for another shot, and concluded preliminarily in the affirmative. A paper on this subject, however, will be considered at the meeting of COMOR on 26 September and submitted to the Board for consideration on 2 October. The Chairman, COMOR has checked with the Deputy Director of NRO and been advised that this schedule is in the proper timing for decision making in the NRO.

3. It is true that there is a package backup for the Mission 9059A. However, it is most unlikely that the Board would recommend substitutions in view of the fact that on Wednesday, 25 September, the Board will consider a COMOR paper which recommends a reduction in the number of J packages currently scheduled for the remainder of 1963. This paper is USIB-D-41.15/17; COMOR-D-48/45.

25X1A

James Q. Reber
Chairman

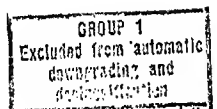
25X1A
Reconnaissance

3048-63

Copy 2 of 6
25X1A

Approved For Release 2002/10/16 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000500120063-5

TOP SECRET



TOP SECRET

25X1A

Approved For Release 2002/10/16 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000500120063-5

25 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Processing of Far Eastern Missions

25X1A

1. In response to an inquiry from [] a check was made with OSA on present plans for the utilization of processing facilities at EK and [] with particular emphasis on the Far Eastern missions.

25X1A

25X1A
25X1A
25X1A

2. As the CORONA J, which was fired yesterday, will have to be processed at EK and as [] is now able to handle two missions a week, OSA considers that [] intended to cover the MTR, should be processed at []. In this connection the undersigned notes that although the MTR is basically a matter of strategic interest the mission will be flown at a wary 25 miles from SAM sites and will therefore be more useful in monitoring activity than in uncovering technical intelligence.

25X1A

3. [] respectively, for Peiping/Pao Tou and Manchuria/NK are slated to go in the near future. These will be sent to EK. The undersigned agreed with OSA that Pao Tou and NK are of more immediate interest to Washington than the MTR.

25X1A

4. The first Sino-Indian mission might go soon. It and subsequent missions are slated to go to []

5. Missions for NVN and South China are also scheduled and could conceivably go in the near future. The decision on where they will go will depend on the activity listed above. It should be noted, for instance, that the CORONA J has now tentatively been scheduled for three days' photography, recover first bucket, two days photography with second package, seven days [], two more days photography with second package and recover second package. If both buckets are successful, this will constitute a sizeable load for EK.

25X1

25X1A

Copy 1 Mr. Reber

[] -3049-63

25X1A

Copy 4 of 5

25X1A

Approved For Release 2002/10/16 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000500120063-5

TOP SECRET